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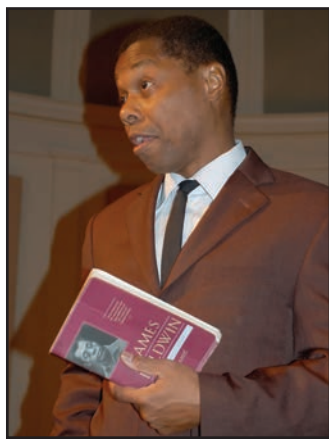
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Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
62 45 70%	66 37 10%	64 36 10%

Source: <http://weather.com>

NUMBER CRUNCH

27,915

Number of of AIDS cases in Georgia as of 2005.

Source: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation



SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE

Pig in a Pit and Discount Mattress, located off U.S. Highway 441 in the shopping center with Video Warehouse, was demolished after a fire that struck the buildings the night of Sunday, Feb. 10.

Investigation ensues after Pig in a Pit fire

BY CHRISTINE GEIGER
STAFF WRITER

Many driving on U.S. Highway 441 last Sunday night saw the intense flames coming from the Pig in a Pit, which destroyed the restaurant along with its neighbor, the Discount Mattress.

The fire, which started in the Pig in a Pit after it had been closed for the night, also caused smoke and water damage to the Video Warehouse.

According to Derek Chitwood, a graduate of GCSU and employee of Pig in a Pit, he and three other

employees, including a manager, closed down the restaurant around 5:20 p.m. and everything looked fine.

About three hours later, Chitwood was with a friend driving to Wal-Mart when he drove by and saw the fire.

"We saw smoke so we pulled around back and we called 911, they said the fire trucks were on their way," Chitwood said. "By the time they got there the whole store was pretty much on fire."

The first 911 call was made at 8:19 and the first fire trucks, from

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HOMEcoming 2008



FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 2

Getting ready for Homecoming

Tuesday 2/26

Yell Like Hell
Competition
7 p.m.

Thursday 2/28

CAB Movie Night
Magnolia Ballroom
8 p.m.

Friday 2/29

Sister Hazel
West Campus
8 p.m.

Saturday 3/1

Homecoming
Parade
2 p.m.

Sunday 3/2

Basketball games
Women at 2 p.m.
Men at 8 p.m.



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(Left to right) Laura McEachern, Brittany Stephens and Jenny Johnson man the Alpha Delta Pi Homecoming booth promoting sister Georgia Hardigree by passing out cookies and pins Wednesday afternoon.

Festivities revamped to raise concern

BY COURTNEY MCMAHON
STAFF WRITER

Homecoming week is right around the corner, and GCSU faculty and students are committed to making this week one of the best homecomings students have ever seen. After endless months of planning, the homecoming committee is anxiously awaiting the upcoming events. The main purpose of this year is to get the students more excited

and want to be involved all week long.

"Students need more spirit, and students want more spirit," said Tom Miles, director of Campus Life. "We have many new and spirited events planned all week that will show everyone just how much pride we have here at GCSU."

The Homecoming Committee also received outside help from

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Electronic elections now ready

BY WES BROWN
SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU is adopting a new voting system to literally simplify the process to one click of a button. The school is shifting from ballot voting to electronic voting available through myCATS.

"The way the school did it in previous years was on paper ballots," SGA President Ryan Greene said. "Students would be able to vote outside the A&S fountain between 9 and 4. It was inconvenient because many students don't go in front of A&S, and we couldn't have multiple locations because it would hard to keep track if students voted more than once."

In last year's election roughly 500 students out of 6,000 participated in the elections, inspiring SGA to make changes.

"We needed to make it more convenient," Greene said. "We looked at other universities that had this system and 90 percent of them saw a drastic increase. Voting is open 48 hours and more importantly to me, it is right on your myCATS and students are already on

How to vote

1. Sign in to myCATS.
2. Go to the "Student" tab.
3. Click on ballot link.
4. Vote.

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AIDS Awareness proves disease is a real problem

BY CHRISTIN IVEY
STAFF REPORTER

AIDS Awareness Week covered GCSU's campus last week with red ribbons and colorful flags in an effort to bring the reality of AIDS into campus dialogue.

GCSU organization A.N.G.E.L.S (AIDS Now

Grasps Every Living Soul) led the multiple events on campus along with other GCSU groups, Pride Alliance and AAC (Art as an Agent for Change).

All events aimed at expanding student awareness of the impact of AIDS in the surrounding community and neighborhoods. For Tameka Dean,

student organizer of AIDS week and president of A.N.G.E.L.S, AIDS week meant to show GCSU students that the AIDS epidemic is not a problem limited to the homosexual community or Africa, but is evident right here in Middle Georgia.

Middle Georgia's own

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AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Dr. Harold Catner spoke Monday, Feb. 11 in the A&S auditorium about AIDS and HIV prevention for AIDS Awareness Week. AIDS Awareness week lasted Feb. 11 - 15.



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By DEVIN VERNICK
SENIOR REPORTER

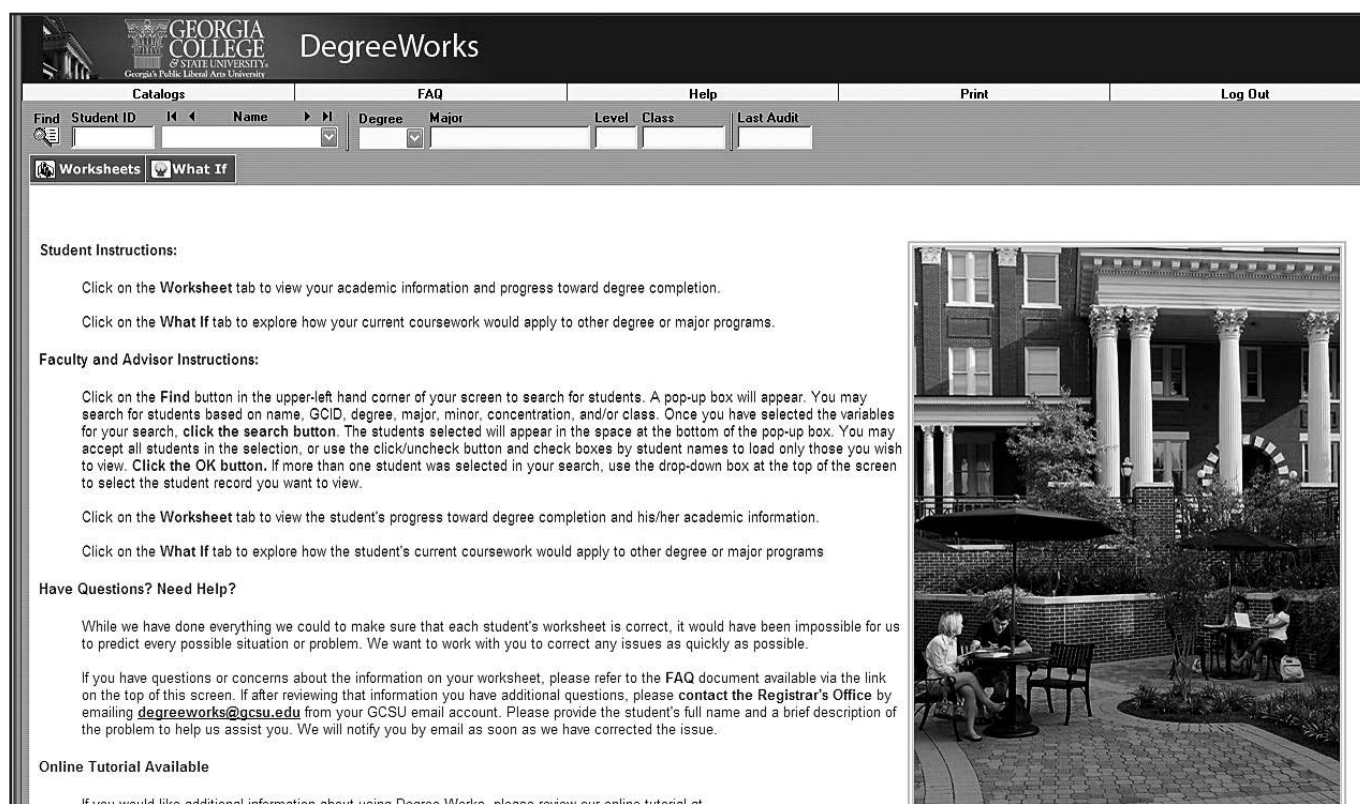
In the old days, pacing oneself towards graduation meant having to carefully monitor and record class schedules on an 8x11 worksheet listing GCSU's required core curriculum and the classes required to that particular major of study. If one course happened to be overlooked, the repercussions could spell academic doom.

The GCSU Registrar's Office plans to end the stress and hassle of having to track and select the right classes this spring with a new addition to the University's myCATS Web portal, Degree Works.

A. Kay Anderson, GCSU's registrar, and Susan Pittman, assistant vice president of Enrollment and director of Financial Aid, teamed up with other GCSU staff and tech support beginning this past August to ensure that Degree Works would be able to launch in 2008.

GCSU is the first institution in the country that employs the Sanguard Banner Student Information System (the platform for myCATS) to incorporate Degree Works into their available online student services.

"It will be a very convenient way for students to



This screen capture shows a sample usage for the new degree software, which will be implemented into GCSU's around registration for the fall.

plan for advising and registration," Anderson said. "It demonstrates our commitment to putting exemplary online services to our students, and I hope students love this program as much as we've enjoyed putting it together."

Degree Works will provide GCSU students, advisors and other faculty with a clear method to track degree progress, prepare for registration and plan for graduation. With all its conveniences, Degree

Works is not intended to replace face-to-face advising sessions.

"My goal is that when students and their advisor's meet, they can spend less time advising and more time talking about their development, future plans and successes," Anderson said.

With Degree Works, online worksheets will include all current and completed coursework, along with other courses that have been transferred

to GCSU from another institution.

"If this keeps underclassman from getting behind and helps them to graduate on time, this will be worth it," Scott Smith, a junior exercise science major, said.

In the midst of these changes the underlying goal is to make the academic planning process less intimidating than it once was.

"I've always had to worry about figuring out

what I'll register for," Bradley Christopher, a sophomore community health major, said. "Since freshman year, I've switched majors three times--keeping up with those worksheets was pretty difficult."

With Degree Works debuting before this semester's registration period, students and faculty should promptly inform GCSU tech support of any issues that arise during its first phase.

Voting

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there checking their email and class assignments."

When initially brainstorming on how to get students more involved in voting, SGA had two concerns. They wanted to give students another reason to vote and they wanted to bring the election to the students.

"We first thought of having more than one location on campus, but that would prevent us from tracking if students voted more than once," Greene said. "We also thought of making an electronic database to monitor student votes, but that ended up being too confusing."

Greene finally reached out to other Georgia universities through an email program called list serve where he can ask other SGA presidents in the state of suggestions they have. Greene received positive feedback and the school approved the change.

As far as actual voting goes, it is just as easy as it seems. To vote, students click the student tab under myCATS and in the middle of the page, there is a link to access the ballots. SGA and Mr. and Miss GCSU elections take part simultaneously, starting Wednesday, Feb. 27 at midnight and ending Friday, Feb. 29 at midnight.

Junior Kat Wall of Delta Zeta is running for Miss GCSU and believes the change will be beneficial to the students.

"I think it will help not only me but everybody else," Wall said. "People are not always on campus all day. Different major shave off campus commitments to meet and they can't pass by A&S to vote manually. This will help student participation in the election."

Other candidates, including senior Adam Hammond of Kappa Alpha, are promoting electronic voting in their campaign. Hammond has been posting fliers with the date of the election and indicates voting can be done through myCATS. Hammond would like to see the system stay past this year.

"A lot of bigger schools, such as UGA, use it and it adds one more thing to the way we do things to put our school on the level of other top schools in the state," Hammond said.

As for making this system permanent Greene says they will just have to see how it goes.

"If it is not convenient, then students are not going to come to it," Greene said. "But that doesn't mean that students don't have concerns. We are bringing it to them and if we get a good turnout, then who knows."

Homecoming

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GCSU alumni. A consensus was made that this university is lacking pride and school spirit, but this year is going to be the start of something new.

"I don't think we could have created a better theme," said Ryan Greene, president of the Student Government Association. "Blue and Green Like You've Never Seen" is a theme that stresses school spirit and is easy to relate, too. We really want the students to be proud of their university."

SGA describes this homecoming week as a 'leap in the right direction'. Their goal is to continue to provide the students with a better homecoming every year and focus on offering events that will keep the students interested.

The Sister Hazel concert was the first event that was announced. It brought a lot of interest among students and triggered the

start of advertising for homecoming week. The concert will be held at West Campus on Friday night, with gates opening at 7 p.m. GCSU has never held a major concert on campus before but believes it will be the start of a new tradition.

The budget is being adjusted so that GCSU can invite famous bands, such as Sister Hazel, to come and perform every year.

"We have extremely high expectations for future homecomings," said Greene. "We hope to continue to upgrade the concerts every year."

Sister Hazel is just one of the new events being offered this year. Monday through Sunday, the days are packed with pep rallies, trivia games and community service events. Bonfires and a movie night, featuring "Superbad," will also be offered during the week.

"I am really excited about homecoming this year, especially Sister Hazel," said freshman Alana Isreal. "It really shows that this school is

growing and becoming more popular."

Another addition to this year's homecoming is the Spirit Award. A four-foot tall trophy and \$500 will be awarded to the team that brings the most spirit to all of the events. This competition is open to anyone and is meant to motivate the students to show off their blue and green.

"This is something we are really excited about and hope that students take this idea and run with it," said Miles.

The homecoming parade and the crowning of Mr. and Miss GCSU are classic traditions that will end the week. All of the candidates will participate in the parade, and the winner will be announced at the Sunday afternoon basketball game.

Homecoming week of 2008 is described as simply the best. The past years are going to be incomparable. Blue and green is going to cover the campus and hopefully create a better image for GCSU.

Fire

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Dunlap Station Number 2 arrived on the scene approximately three minutes later, according to Chief Tom Dietrich. Eventually, Dietrich said, additional help was needed from the stations on Thomas, Hardwick and N. Baldwin streets.

"They needed more manpower," GCSU sophomore and volunteer firefighter Kevin Sheehan said. "Obviously it's a huge structure so they paged the volunteers. Right when I got there the roof collapsed and the gas tank was blowing up."

A series of road blocks and detours were set up on U.S. Highway 441 to ensure the area was free of drivers. It took about five hours to completely extinguish the fire, according to Sheehan.

Investigators have visited the burnt remains of the Pig in a Pit and the Discount Mattress in an attempt to determine the cause of the fire.

Each company - Pig in a Pit, Discount Mattress and Video Warehouse - affected by the fire, has different insurance companies and thus three different investigators working on the case, according to Dietrich.

"At this time (the investigators) have gone and helped independent of one another and they are going to get together one day this week," Dietrich said. "What they're going to do is have all of the investigators arrive and work at the same time to determine the cause of the fire."

Luckily, the Pig in a Pit had already begun construction on a new location in the downtown area of Milledgeville.

Although they had already planned a move, the Pig in a Pit owners were very upset by the fire, according to Chitwood.

"They had personal belongings inside," Chitwood said. "I called one of my owners and she was freaking out and worried if it was her fault."

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SweetWater sues city for trademark breach

By S. Ashlee Mooneyhan
Senior Reporter

The Milledgeville Mainstreet Downtown Development Authority is being sued by SweetWater Brewing Company for alleged trademark violation of the name "sweetwater."

The case refers to the use of the "sweetwater" name in the title of an annual Milledgeville event titled Sweetwater Festival. Sometime in November, the beer company filed suit in federal court in Macon. In mid-December the Milledgeville Mainstreet Downtown Development Authority filed a return statement. The case is continuing to move forward into what is called the discovery phase, in which evidence is introduced by each side of the case.

The current stance of the MMDDA is that they do not believe they are in trademark violation and they are currently "planning for Sweetwater Festival 2008 as normal," said Heather Holder, the director of the MMDDA.

In a letter sent to the media from the beer company, SweetWater Brewing stated, "We tried to be reasonable and resolve this dispute for two years, but Mainstreet has refused to be reasonable and they continue to violate our rights. We have invested too much time, money and effort in building our brand to allow this."

The city's annual event, which is usually held the first weekend of November, is a community-wide effort to bring life,

"We tried to be reasonable and resolve this dispute for two years..."

- SweetWater
Brewery

culture and increased business to the Milledgeville downtown area, according Holder. A similar festival had previously been held in Milledgeville for about eight years and was known as the 'Fest-of-Ville'. In 2004, the event was given a new façade, was renamed Sweetwater Festival, and since then has grown in unprecedented ways.

Since the name change of the festival, many new things were added to the agenda and the overall tone of the event to include many more vendors, big-name live entertainment, and most notably it is the first time that open containers of alcohol have been allowed on the streets of downtown Milledgeville.

According to Holder, the name of the Milledgeville festival came from a historical story of the city that claims that the original settlers of the area would combine whiskey with water from a natural flowing spring and called the concoction "sweetwater."

Sweetwater Brewing Company was on the list of co-sponsors in the 2004 festival. They were just

one of the beer company products being sold at the festival that day. In the following years that the festival has been held until current, the Sweetwater Brewing Company has not been present at the festival again. The relationship between the city and the beer company remained in tact but seemed rather diminished between 2004 and 2007, with the beer company's products still being sold in local Milledgeville businesses and stores.

"SweetWater's sponsorship of these events and festivals does not give the festival organizers the right to continue using the SWEETWATER(r) brand without SweetWater's approval," stated the beer company's letter to the media, which claims that the festival continued to use actual beer company logos long after they were not apart of the festivities.

Since the beer company filed suit in November, many local businesses and stores have stopped selling SweetWater Brewing Company products. Now, places like The Brick, Buffington's, and ROC's Cork Shop have decided to either sell out or just stop serving any SweetWater Brewing Company products in support of the MMDDA's stance in the case.

Holder said that if students enjoy the Sweetwater Festival and would like to see it remain as is in Milledgeville, then they can show their support by expressing their feelings to the beer company through appropriate letters and comments.



KATIE RAGAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dr. Ken Saladin, assistant director of Eta Sigma Alpha, and Dr. Edmondson, honors professor, speak with candidate William Monroe after an open forum held in the Museum Education Room.

Honors director hiring subjected to students

By Chelsea Thomas
Staff Reporter

The GCSU Honors and Scholars Program is searching for a new program director. This past fall semester Dr. Jim Winchester temporarily took over the position from the previous director, Doris Moody.

As Winchester leaves to teach abroad in Paris this summer, the new Honors and Scholars Director will step in on July 1. As of this semester, new candidates for the position have been visiting the campus to formally meet and greet the students, as well as faculty.

From Feb. 11 to Feb. 13, Dr. William Monroe, one of the first candidates for the position, visited campus. While here Monroe met with members of Eta Sigma Alpha, the GCSU's Honors Student Association, and toured the school's academic departments.

For one of the very first times in GCSU history, the students are involved in the interview process of each candidate. All students affiliated with the Honors and Scholars are allowed to question the candidates in an open forum and later submit their opinions via a survey. Monroe was the first candidate choice and most students were satisfied.

"I think he had a good mix of knowledge, passion and humor," says Megan Thurber, a sophomore majoring in Middle Grades Education.

Monroe, like many of the other remaining candidates, was pre-interviewed in November 2007 at the meeting of the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) in Denver. Dr. Kenneth Saladin, search committee chair and interim assistant director of the Honors Program, believes none of the candidates are lacking.

"We didn't simply put out an advertisement and

sit back to wait and see who would apply for it," Saladin said. "We sent hundreds of recruiting letters to honors programs throughout the country, including every public and private Georgia institution; every COPLAC college nationwide (Council of Public Liberal Arts and Colleges), every Southeastern member institution in the NCHC (National Collegiate Honors Council), and several other colleges and universities ... we're getting applicants who were already happy and effective in the jobs they were doing, but whom we might have a chance of luring to an even better position at GCSU."

At this time the Search Committee is not releasing any of the other candidates' names, however, they hope to have two more of the candidates visiting in the next few weeks.

Like many of the other nominees, Monroe has an exemplary resume. He is currently a professor of English and the executive associate dean of the Honors College at the University of Houston. Monroe created the University of Houston's Medicine and Society program, and is leader of the Common Ground Teachers Institute. Along with this, Monroe is the author of numerous publications covering topics in medical humanities, the literature of medicine, honors education, the scholarship of teaching, T.S. Eliot, Vladimir Nabokov, Willa Cather and much more. Overall, his qualifications for the job are numerous.

"I like his sense of humor," says Lauren Lundin, president of Eta Sigma Alpha. "And he seemed to have a lot of knowledge on budgets—which is something the Honors program needs to work on."

Yet, most students reiterate what Thurber put so

nicely, "We cannot really know which candidate we favor until we meet the other ones."

One of the principle ways the students plan on choosing the nominee of their choice, is by comparing their priorities with the candidates'. Some of the main issues students are questioning the candidates about are priority registration, new ideas for the program, the necessary requirements to merit acceptance into the program, and what they think about "honors options."

Monroe approached every question with a pre-determined answer. He also shared his own philosophy of honors education.

"Honors education should be transformative education ... Honors education should go beyond the transfer of knowledge to the cultivation of capacities and the making of persons. Students who become better makers, better evaluators and better humorists will be more likely to live lives of contribution, awareness and joy," Monroe said.

Overall, out of the 25 applications filed for the position as GCSU Honors and Scholars Director, the search committee chose seven final nominees. It will involve serious consideration and in-depth research on each candidate before the final choice can be made. The students' evaluations will also benefit the final choice.

"We're paying very close attention to student opinion in this decision process. We want to choose someone whom the honors students will perceive as friendly, approachable and accessible, an admirable model of professionalism, an outstanding teacher, and a helpful mentor," says Saladin.

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NIU shootings prompt GCSU Connect-Ed sign-ups to rise

By COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

As tragedy continues to strike college campuses around the nation, the Office of University Communications and the Public Safety Department of GCSU are encouraging students to sign up for the Connect-Ed Campus Alert System.

So far about 1,975 students, faculty and staff members have signed up for the service that would send text messages in the case of an emergency on campus.

That is about one-third of the campus, which is better than the national average of around 27 percent, according to Judy Bailey, the public relations specialist at University Communications.

"We really would like for everyone to take this alert system as a good means to protect themselves," Bailey said.

In the past month there have been five school shootings, including last Thursday's tragedy at Northern Illinois University that left six students dead and 15 more injured. In western Tennessee a tornado ripped through dormitories at Union University on Feb. 5.

Dave Groseclose, interim director of Public Safety, said these are exactly the types of emergencies that the Connect-Ed system would be used for.

"In the event of a tornado-type situation or an active shooter our first job is to make the determina-

Connect-Ed sign-up steps

1. Login to the myCATS.
2. Click on the "Student" tab.
3. Locate the "PAWS Links" channel and select "Personal Info."
4. Click "Connect for Safety."
5. Type in your cell phone number and click "Submit Campus Alert Number."
6. Return to myCATS and logout.
7. Reply to text message asking to opt-in when you receive it.

tion if we need to get the message out to our students and faculty," Groseclose said. "If we make the determination that we need to, we'll get it out there to everyone who has signed up for it."

Groseclose does not understand why more students have not signed up for the program.

Erin Gorman, a junior business management major, signed up for Connect-Ed as soon as she heard about it.

"I want to be able to know if (an emergency) is going on, on campus," Gorman said. "It seems like the text message system is the fastest way to find out."

Gorman thinks the reason some students have not signed up is because they do not think an emergency would ever happen at GCSU, or they just do not know about it.

"(College aged people) tend to think they are invincible," Bailey said. "What our fear is, is that if we do have an emergency that requires a Connect-Ed (message), that people who have not opted in will learn the importance possi-

bly the hard way."

Nick Bennett, a senior physical education major, said he had never heard of the program.

"I don't really know much about it," Bennett said. "Actually, the first I heard about it was in an e-mail today. But, with all the stuff going on at other schools, like the NIU shooting, it seems like a good idea."

Gorman suggested that GCSU place a stronger emphasis on the program.

"They need to put fliers in more prominent places or maybe even have teachers mention it in class," Gorman said. "I don't think a lot of students check their school e-mail so they don't really know anything about it."

If a message ever were to be sent out for a weather situation, it would inform students that the National Weather Service has issued a warning, such as a tornado warning and notify them of any actions they need to take.

Bailey said that the message would also include a time in which a follow-up message would be sent.

"We wouldn't leave the students and faculty hanging with a warning without following it up," Bailey said.

Bailey also said the university is currently working to set up standard messages that would be sent in response to different emergencies on campus.

"Connect-Ed is not the end all to itself," Bailey said. "If a text message ever goes out, we would also put (the information) on the Web site, we would also put out e-mails, and go door-to-door to make sure that people have heard the sound of the alarm."

Groseclose said he wanted to ensure students that public safety officers are trained to handle emergencies on campus.

"All of our officers have been through training to respond to an active shooter," Groseclose said. "They know what to do, they have actually gone into some areas where they did not know what they were going to encounter, but they had the guts to go in."

Groseclose and Davies also said students need to remember that if they change their phone numbers they must register their new number with Connect-Ed.

"The Connect-Ed system is to ensure the safety and well-being of the campus community," Bailey said. "We want to ensure that it reaches as many of the students, faculty and staff as it possibly can."

AIDS

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AIDS researcher, Dr. Harold Katner from Mercer University of Medicine, offered his insight on the current state of AIDS and HIV within Macon last Tuesday night.

Katner shared with the small crowd of GCSU students and faculty his personal contact with and treatments of AIDS patients in Macon. Katner sees about one new AIDS patient every three days from Middle Georgia alone, illustrating the impact of the AIDS epidemic locally.

"I think his message was very powerful especially in his personal connections with patients," Dean said. "He showed that (AIDS patients) are not always the typical drug addict or even homosexual, but also wives, mothers and children too."

Other events revealed misconceptions about the AIDS pandemic, such as the discussion "Unmentionable" hosted by GCSU's PRIDE Alliance last Wednesday night.

About 15 GCSU students showed up for the event, which addressed the taboo topic of homosexuality in the black community and its relation to the issue of AIDS.

Noelle Rose, president of the Pride Alliance, was pleased to see the diversity of opinions within the close-knit group conversation.

"Even though I didn't think we'd get 100 percent turnout there still was a lot

of disagreement among the small group that showed up," Rose said. "I think it went well (in) just starting a dialogue about race and sexuality."

Additional AIDS week events, such as Friday's Silent Auction which benefited the A.N.G.E.L.S foundation in Macon, and the flag presentation on front campus, which represented major countries devastated by AIDS, all saw modest student participation.

"I think our programs were better this year but we had less turnout than expected," Dean said. "I think it shows a shift in attitudes on campus that needs to be addressed."

With a lower than expected turnout in nearly all of the events, some are left wondering if the lack of student participation has to do with the negative social stigma associated with AIDS.

Many students may feel as if the subject of AIDS is just "too depressing" or "kinda uncomfortable" to deal with.

"I think students detach themselves from (the issue of AIDS) by thinking that since its not me then why should I care?" Dean said. "I wanted to try and eliminate that attitude with (AIDS week)."

Even amid a sense of some student apathy towards AIDS Week, the events on campus still made an impact on those GCSU students who attended.

"By the end of it, most of the information pamphlets were gone, and I'm happy to see that kind of interest in students here at GCSU," Rose said.

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OUR VOICE

What can we do about school shootings?

Five more college students have been killed in school shootings in the past few weeks. A further 11 were injured. Another gunman has killed himself.

What's going on here?

Shootings on college and high school campuses have been on the rise lately, particularly since the incident at Virginia Tech last year. They are occurring all over the nation, in universities of all sizes, with people of all walks of life causing them.

Sometimes there is a clear-cut cause of the incidents, such as a student suffering from depression, treated or not. Sometimes people who nobody saw any problem with are the shooters. There is no discernable pattern.

We're not trying to scare anyone by printing this, and we're not trying to suggest that anyone on the GCSU campus would do anything like this. We're simply trying to bring to everyone's attention what is going on around the nation. It never hurts to be cautious.

However, even though these incidents are on the rise, they are proving far less fatal than the shooting at Virginia Tech. Schools are responding much more quickly in the case of emergencies, as are the authorities. Schools are being much more careful with security and are keeping a closer eye on students that have showed possible dangerous tendencies.

GCSU has set up the Connect-Ed program to alert students by text message if there is anything going wrong on campus to allow students to get to safety. E-mails are also sent instantly at the first sign of trouble.

But what of those first few seconds before anyone has time to respond? What can we do about that?

All we can do is prevent it. And everyone can do his or her part to accomplish that.

If you hear anyone talking about doing something that might hurt someone, report it to counseling services immediately. Tell that student to get help. Tell somebody so that something can be done preemptively.

If someone you know is suffering from depression, which has been traced back to several of the shooting incidents, recommend they seek help in counseling services or from a psychiatrist. Let them know there is help out there, and encourage them to seek it.

The safety of the students and faculty on campus should be on the forefront of everyone's mind, and it is our obligation to ensure that incidents like the one in Illinois and Virginia Tech do not repeat themselves here.

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THE HARD PRESS

BY JAMES ODOM



The environment vs. human life



BY ANDREW ADAMS
COLUMNIST

Time for a quiz. Which of the following individuals in history has killed the most people either directly or indirectly?

- A. Adolf Hitler
- B. Mao Zedong
- C. Joseph Stalin
- D. Rachel Carson
- E. George W. Bush (for my liberal audience)

The answer is Rachel Carson. I know many of you out there are scratching your heads, but stick with me. You will see for yourself. The environmentally savvy readers will remember Rachel Carson for her 1962 bestseller "Silent Spring" which attacked the pesticide industry. In particular she wrote about a pesticide called DDT (Dichlorodiphenyl-trichloroethane) which was discovered to prevent malaria in the early 1940s. Originally designed to kill head lice, DDT went on to be one of the most important discoveries for mankind in the twentieth century.

By the 1950s, DDT was everywhere. The extremely inexpensive pesticide was being used in poor areas of Africa, Asia, South America and in almost every country in

between. In America, farmers were spraying it on their crop, and housewives were spraying it in their homes. Throughout the world, Malaria was disappearing. In Sri Lanka, there were three million Malaria cases in 1946. After spraying DDT in their homes, that number dropped to 27 in 1964. India went from 75 million cases down to about 50,000 thanks to DDT.

Unfortunately, it wasn't all good news. In the late 50s and early 60s, Carson and other environmental researchers noticed that DDT when used in massive amounts as a farming pesticide created a small drop in nearby animal populations. The main animal was the bald eagle which landed on the endangered species list. Patriotic Americans all over the country were shocked that DDT, a chemical that many of them used in their homes, was actually slowly killing one of our national symbols. This led to the creation of environmentalism in America, which led to the EPA, which led to global warming, which led to Al Gore, which led to the Internet.

In 1972, DDT was ruled as an illegal pesticide and the U.S. government forbid its use. There were numerous other, slightly more expensive but just as effective, pesticides out there, so it didn't have a huge impact on the nation. If only that were true for the rest of the world. Most nations in the world, especially in Africa and areas of Asia and South America, aren't as wealthy as America is. To us, pesticides are cheap, but to

them, it's unaffordable. Since then the U.S. and almost every industrialized nation had ended the production of DDT and no longer provided it to third world countries. Additionally, the U.S. and Europe have pressured every country currently using the inexpensive pesticide to stop or risk losing foreign aid. Unfortunately, many third world nations have succumb to the environmentally demanding West and have paid for it dearly with their citizens' lives.

So how damaging is America and Europe's DDT ban? The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates there are between 300 and 500 million malaria cases in the world each year. Of those, an estimated 2.7 million people die as reported by the American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. That is equivalent to one malaria death every 12 seconds. This has been going on for over 35 years, so there are over 97 million people estimated to be dead because of this terrible ban. To put this in perspective, there have only been about 25 million total AIDS deaths. Even if you look at the deadliest war the world has ever seen, World War II, there were only about 24 million military casualties. This means that the ban on DDT has killed about the same number of people as AIDS and the total military casualties of WWII combined, times two.

We may not think about this too much. Malaria hardly ever strikes an American citizen, whereas Americans do die of AIDS and die in war, but that

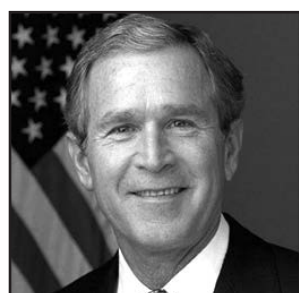
doesn't make it any less sorrowful. UNICEF reports that the vast majority of malaria victims are children under the age of five and pregnant women, because their bodies are less immune to this deadly disease.

The irony in the situation is that DDT really isn't that poisonous, especially to humans. Kenneth Mellanby, a professor of ecology and entomology, would give lectures on why DDT isn't bad. Before every lecture Mellanby would consume DDT in front of his class. He did this for forty years and died of natural causes at the age of 85.

I love the bald eagle, as I hope every patriotic American would, and I can understand if the EPA wishes for DDT to be banned in farming. But why should we use our economic might to be forcing third world, developing nations to choose between our aid and the lives of their citizens? As despicable as it is, the U.S. and international organizations like the U.N. and WHO have played a large role in the deaths of those 97 million innocent victims. I'm sure that Rachel Carson and her environmentalist followers had no idea that their opinions of DDT would send close to 100 million people to their graves. It's not too late. There are millions of lives that can be saved if our nation can take the decidedly pro-human stance on DDT, instead of our current pro-environment stance.

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Politics?



Racial diversity?



The environment?



GCSU?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Do-it-yourself cure for boredom

Dear editor,

Like most GCSU students I make the trek to Irwin Street Parking Lot on Friday afternoons. However, unlike many of them, I am doing so in order to move my car closer to my dorm for the weekend.

A disappointing number of students go home for the weekend, which has given the school a "suitcase campus" stigma. Sit on any dorm's porch on Thursday and Friday afternoons, and you will see the mass exodus of students frantically loading their cars in order to get away and avoid a parking ticket. Some have jobs back in their hometowns, a few are still attempting a long distance relationship, but in my experience, most are going home for one of two reasons: "just because," or because "there's nothing to do in Milledgeville on the weekends."

This couldn't be further from the truth. Though most CAB events are on Wednesdays and

Thursdays, there is plenty to do between Friday and Sunday, especially if you have a group of friends around. There are tons of places to go exploring that don't fall into the realm of trespassing. Spend an afternoon at Bartram Forest. There are miles of walking trails, plus a small labyrinth to work your way through (which is disappointingly empty of David Bowie in tight pants).

If video games are more of your forte, chances are you already know someone with Guitar Hero, Dance Dance Revolution, Mario Kart or any number of other entertaining multi-player games. Find a friend with a car and spend the day in Macon or go to Carmike to catch a movie. We even have a handful of movie rental places (including Blockbuster) if nothing on the big screen excites you.

If you like history, we have Andalusia (Flannery O'Connor's home), two museums (one of which is on campus), and more than two hundred years of histo-

ry to explore. There's even plenty of ghost stories to hear (other than Sanford Hall's Cookie) if you know where to look and who to ask. And those CAB events? I'll bet you ten dollars that if more people stayed in town over the weekend that they would eventually be scheduled on Friday and Saturday instead of in the middle of the week.

Maybe you like being with your family or have your best friends in the whole world back in Atlanta or Snellville or wherever you hail from, and that's fine, but in my opinion, you are cheating yourself out of the full college experience by leaving. There are plenty of wonderful people to get to know on this campus, and as many things to do as you want if you use your imagination. Sincerely,

Leigh Prince
sophomore
English major

McCain should beware liberals

Dear editor,

I have a question for Conservatives who claim that there is something honorable about not voting for McCain. Who spend more of their time beating down a fellow Republican, while ignoring the extreme liberal forces that are about to kick their butts completely out of every branch of government.

McCain may be a moderate republican or liberal from where you stand... but a pure vanilla liberal backed by a democrat infested congress will become a liberal mandate. When that happens, we will turn sharply left as a nation. Not left leaning... sharply left. Canada left. Europe left. Getting the idea?

This is not just about who will be President for four years. It's about preventing a complete washout of all conservative influence. How is having only 50 percent of McCain's ear worse than having zip out of a liberal dictatorship who thinks all conservative thought is archaic?

What is honorable about sitting on your butt at

home, refusing to vote - allowing all branches of government to be swarmed by RABIDLY liberal opponents who have vowed to undo everything conservatives have fought to achieve over the past decade?

I hear endless whining and griping from Conservatives, while the extreme liberals, who are bent on reversing every conservative principal, out number us at the polls nearly two to one. Is that principal, or do conservatives just have a death wish to see our country turn to the extreme left (who has no problem getting their hind ends to the polls)?

What is so conservative about beating down the (soon to be) nominee who supports our troops, instead of the extreme liberals who insult our troops and degrade them every single day in front of the entire world?

By punishing John McCain for not being conservative enough, you are really punishing all conservatives by making absolutely sure they will be governed by radical, rabid liberalism for the next four

to eight years.

By stomping your feet and refusing to help, you in turn assure that the laws of the land will have few conservatives in a position of power to stop a runaway liberal train that will further infiltrate our school, explode your tax burden and socialize every part of your life it can.

If you must be dragged to the polls, then don't bother complaining when our courts are swarmed by the liberals who will put judges in power.

Please think twice before punishing the rest of us conservatives, who may not love McCain, but are smart enough to realize the living nightmare that will ensue if things continue on the path they are going.

I see nothing conservative about being so focused on the anthill. You completely ignore the volcano that's about to wipe your entire cause out. That is not principal. That's political suicide. Will conservatives ever learn? Sincerely,

Danny Vice
blogger
<http://thalunatic.blogspot.com>

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

• The photo caption for the article "Faculty front and center!" mis-identified the person in the picture as Shelby Lindsey. While Lindsey did present the award, she was not in the photo.

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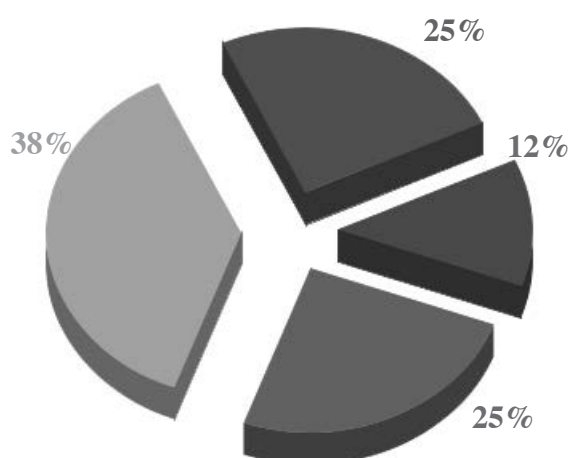
What factors will most influence your vote for Mr. and Miss GCSU?

The organization each nominee is supporting. 38%

I will vote for the person I know best. 12%

I will not be voting. 25%

I am not aware of the criteria that would make for a successful Mr. and Miss GCSU. 25%



Next week's question:

Do you plan to vote in the SGA elections next week?

Vote online at gcsunade.com



Do you think having SGA elections online will cause more people to vote?



"Yes, I think it will be a lot easier for everyone to vote if it's online, because it's convenient."

Liz Bridges, sophomore, marketing

"Yes, because when you had to do it on campus it was inconvenient."

Courtney Botta, junior, middle grades education



"Definitely, having elections on campus on Friday lost potential voters. Having it online through MyCATS will be easier."

Ajayi Monell, senior, mass communication

"It would cause more people to vote, but I think it would be too insecure."

Mary Ford, junior, information systems



"Yes, it might. I didn't know about it. It makes it more available to people."

Josh McIntosh, senior, English

Reported by Bobby Gentry

The Litter Box

Instant Message with "ColonnadeVent"
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YOUR FACE!! ... Haha... I put your face in the Litter Box!

Why is the Atlantic Ocean so big? I need those people closer, and not just Death Cab for Cutie-style, either.

Is there no such thing as a guy friend? Just because my Facebook profile picture is me and a boy does not mean that he's my boyfriend. Get over it.

I'm so tired of people at the grove thinking they can "make their own parking spots." MOVE YOUR CAR!!! I'm sorry you don't want to park on top of the hill but GET OVER IT... you have been forewarned. That is not a parking spot and if someone happens to "accidentally" hit it, then that just sucks for you...

Is it really necessary for the leaf blowing guys to be out at EIGHT IN THE MORNING??? I mean are clean sidewalks all that important?? I don't get it... I mean if they wanted to clean up all the dog crap at 8 a.m., I could deal with that. At least that's something useful.

To everybody running for Mr. or Miss GCSU: The more I see of your name on the walls or sidewalks, the less likely I am to vote for you. I am already past annoyed with seeing your faces and names plastered everywhere. I'm tired of being invited to Facebook groups telling me to vote for people I've never even met. Likewise, why should I care if you are voted into a crown that only proves that you are more popular than somebody else? To be perfectly honest, I want to know why you even want the thing. It doesn't matter or make a lick of difference to anything at this school. It's a popularity contest with no point, and an avenue for the Greek organizations to flaunt their influence. So enjoy your crown, and I'm just going to wait for a nice rainstorm to come along and clean the GCSU sidewalks.

I caught the plague. Crap.

Is anyone else sick of attending a conservative arts university?

The host of the 80th Academy Awards is Jon Stewart. Not John Steward. I would think the staff of a newspaper could read, write or at least use Google. EDITOR: Thanks for pointing that out. It has been fixed on the Web site.

Yay lunar eclipse!

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Brandon Williams, Week of Welcome Passport Game winner, selects his apartment at *The Village*. In addition to receiving a year of free rent at *The Village*, Brandon was the very first student to select his space for next year.

Brandon was the first, but not the last...

Thank you to the hundreds of students who took advantage of Priority Sign Up who have chosen to return to on-campus living for 2008-2009. Living on campus is fun, convenient and it's even good for your GPA! Spaces are still available – apply today at www.gcsu.edu/housing

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Performance a journey to the 'top'

**James
Arthur
Baldwin**

1924-1987

American novelist,
writer, playwright,
poet, essayist,
civil-rights activist,
homosexual-liberation
movement contributor

born in Harlem, N.Y.

teenage Pentecostal preacher in Harlem
for four years

later turned away from the church
to explore themes of personal
identity in spirituality, sexuality, race
and philosophy in his writings

lived in Europe for ten years, including
Paris and Istanbul to escape from racial
& sexual oppression

authored literature includes:
"Go Tell It on the Mountain"
"The Fire Next Time"
"Notes of a Native Son"
"If Beal Street Could Talk"
"Giovanni's Room"



KATIE RAGAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Calvin Levels portrays acclaimed black author James Baldwin in Baldwin's play "Down from the Mountain Top."

ROCHELLE SMALLS
STAFF REPORTER

"Down from the Mountain Top," is a James Baldwin play that was held in Magnolia Ballroom on Feb. 19, in celebration of Black History and Social Justice Month. Sponsored by Arts Unlimited, The Black Student Alliance and the Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity, this solo play, written and performed by Calvin Levels, allowed the audience to experience the life of James Baldwin.

Nadirah Ross, the Diversity Programming coordinator, "sees it as a talent to keep the audience's attention being the only person on the stage."

"James Baldwin visits him (Levels) in a spiritual form," said Ross, "and having never met figures such as James Baldwin, Martin Luther King Jr. or Malcolm X, this play makes it real."

While Levels' play was created to connect with the audience, Levels finds that he also has a great connection

with Baldwin.

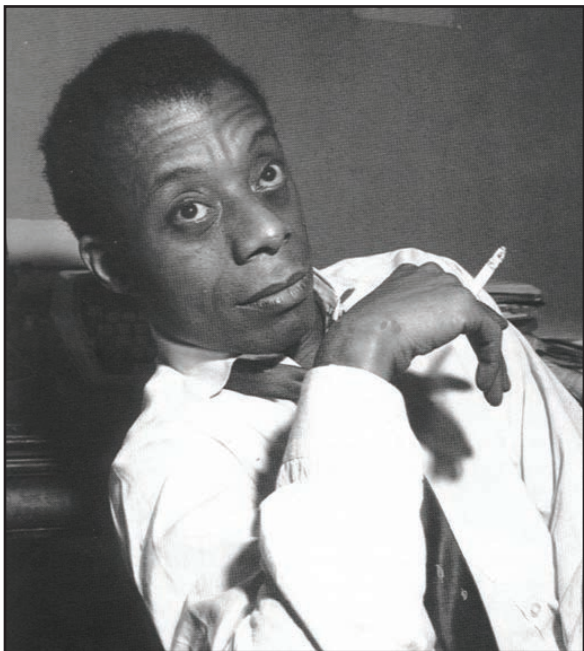
"On the surface level, my special connection is with that of a fellow artist and his journey and integrity," said Levels. "The more I work, the more I learn about myself and humanity, and I have come to realize something deeper yet to be discovered."

Just as Baldwin's father, Levels found that his father wanted him to become something other than an actor or writer. Levels' father wanted him to become a boxer; however, Levels followed his dream of becoming an actor from Cleveland to Los Angeles and even to New York.

It seems that Calvin Levels had been inspired by the theater classes at Karamu, his friend's father who was an actor and portraying a Christmas tree in the school play while in kindergarten. By the age of 17, Levels knew that acting would become his profession.

Since "Down from the Mountain Top" is a solo play,

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Eddie Swimmer, a world famous American Indian Hoop Dancer, gives pointers to the cast to keep the play "Coyote Point" true to its roots.

New play lights up the stage

APRIL ARGO
STAFF REPORTER

New plays are the root of theatre. Without them, theatre would not exist. The GCSU theatre department, along with the English department, is seeing to it that new plays have a chance to thrive through the Pillars New Play Festival.

The festival was started by the former chair of the theatre department Kathleen McGeever. It will feature the winner of the Pillars Playwriting Prize, the 2008 Arts & Letters Prize One-Act play, and the 24 Hour

Plays.

The first will be the production of the winner of the Pillars Playwriting Prize. The winning play was selected from a number of entries. The contest was advertised through the Dramatists Guild and Theatre Communication Group throughout the United States.

David Muschell, professor of English, assisted McGeever with this project.

"By the beginning of the (2006-2007) school year, plays began to arrive from all over the country. Playwright graduate students

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Music for more than just the ears

CLAIRE KERSEY
STAFF REPORTER

After semesters of practice and preparation, the music therapy program held a concert Tuesday comprised of their students' original compositions. The theme, Dreams and Schemes, provided an outlet for the ideas conveyed through the music. The music was available on a CD sold after the show, and the proceeds will go toward sending the students to conferences and other development programs.

Music therapy majors write at least one song each year. Only some of the songs are graded assignments, and several of the pieces performed at the concert were outside of their studies.

The pieces covered a wide variety of moods, from reminiscence to religious exploration.

However, some pieces were inspired by interactions with clients, such as

residents of the Georgia War Veterans' Home.

"I was doing my practicum at the Veterans' Home, and one guy was always telling about his life," said senior music therapy major Megan Day. "These are his words."

Day wrote and composed a song filled with anecdotes from the man, entitled "I Used to be Young."

The show gave the music therapy students a chance to show how they interact with the community. One of their partnerships is through the Dream Project, where GCSU students in the art and music therapy departments collaborate with inmates at Baldwin State Prison.

Some of the students got to tour the prison, and visit the inmates, who had written poetry as a form of therapy. They took the words and put them to music. The songs created from these words

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Levels finds that he “works off the audience and gives his dialogue to the audience.”

Levels believes, that when one’s audience is silent, it actually means that they are with you.

“Baldwin spoke to the people and made sure they were getting what was said,” said Levels.

When putting on his play, “different places affect me differently,” Levels said. “Georgia itself, was a very pivotal point in Baldwin’s life.”

Baldwin describes Georgia clay as being red as blood, and hypothesized that it came from black men who were hung from trees. The racism that was present in America was fresh and ever present on the mind of Baldwin.

Levels relates that “the stories of the South terrified him (Baldwin), yet he had to face it.” With his huge love for humanity, Baldwin could not back away from healing this nation. “I have vicariously lived that even though it’s a different time,” explains Levels.

Finally, it is performance night and James Baldwin has taken over Calvin

Levels, and together, the audience took a journey that they will never forget. The stage is set, soft music plays in the background, and entering from left stage came James Baldwin.

He spoke of his loving mother, and how he believed that “writing would end ... his cycle of poverty.” Just sitting and thinking of his family, one could see the love he had for them, as tears rolled down his cheeks.

He also spoke of his father and the fact that “hate never fails to destroy the man who hates.” Later in Baldwin’s life, he realizes that he never truly hated his father.

Baldwin took the audience from Harlem to Paris, and relayed all the struggles and encounters that were made. Through his ups and downs, Baldwin “refuses to let fear deny me of my dreams.”

By the time of the intermission, Baldwin’s audience got a chance to laugh, cry and reminisce with him on his journey; his “quest for truth.” Wanting to “preach the gospel of equality,” Baldwin was willing to go to any length to be “accepted for the content of my character,” said Baldwin.

It seems that Levels had really become James Baldwin and fed off of the

audience’s interaction by leaving the stage and speaking directly with the audience. While adding situations that would apply to today’s America, Baldwin spoke of Jena 6, New Orleans, Obama, Coretta Scott King and Iraq, and always knowing where one came from.

Through his direct parallels with the audience, it seemed that everyone learned to take advantage of the privileges that are present and never take them for granted. By ending the play with, “It is your turn to go tell it on the mountain,” it was evident that a true self-examination needed to be done for a true change to occur and for true peace to be present.

The play ends and Calvin Levels was standing at center stage.

“The information that was given out was good,” said Brayli James, a freshman biology major. “Through his tears, I felt his emotion.”

Portraying the life of a famous black writer who also fought for equality, Calvin Levels’ “Down from the Mountain Top” was the perfect play to celebrate Black History and Social Justice Month.

Wesley Ministry reaches out to community through youth

AMANDA BODDY
STAFF REPORTER

Wesley’s Westend Neighborhood Youth Ministry gives children in need a chance to have fun and learn the gospel. The ministry was started last semester and is led by junior marketing major, Suzy Spiccia.

“We want to teach the gospel and spread the name of Jesus to children who may be overlooked,” said Spiccia.

Every Thursday around five, the children are picked up at their houses, enjoy fun activities, are fed dinner and taught a bible verse to memorize for the week. The boys often play football outside.

“We just love on the kids and try to give them some hope,” explained Spiccia. “A lot of the kids are from broken families, so they really just need someone to be there for them.”

The kids, ranging in age from four to 12, come from the Westend public housing neighborhood off of Hancock Street, about one mile from campus. Freshman Benton Cranford goes to the Eastend Neighborhood to pick up five-year-old Amiyah and nine-year-old Quantavious.

Freshman Noelle Strickland got involved because she wants to work with children from the inner-city and internationally.

“It’s given me a really great opportunity to learn and grow close to these kids,” Strickland said.

Though the ministry’s objective is to teach the kids about Christ, those involved have also gotten a lot out of it.

“Being with these kids has taught me a lot about patience and how to be sensitive to individual needs,” Strickland said.

“I see the love of God through these kids,” said Spiccia.

Cranford agrees, saying that being around the children and working with them gets him “pumped about God” and that “it is really cool seeing God work through people who aren’t in the best situations.”

The leaders are also noticing a difference in the children since they started



AMANDA BODDY / STAFF REPORTER
Freshman Rebekah Ryan puts a puzzle together with the kids of the outreach program.

the ministry.

“They definitely want to come more now than they did before,” said Cranford.

The children are also growing in patience, have started to behave better, and have become much better listeners.

The leaders of the ministry make sure that they see the children outside of their Thursday night routine, though. On Feb. 9, the girls had a “Princess Party.” The theme of the night centered on Psalm 45:11, a bible verse that states, “Your royal father delights in your beauty. Honor him, for he is your Lord.”

During the party, the girls dressed up like princesses, had a fashion show, went to Scoops, did their hair, makeup, and nails, made crafts and watched a movie. Junior Dana Bryant and sophomores Dustin Wilson and Brad Christopher joined the party to bring the girls flowers and to be their “princes.”

“The girls loved the party, and we had so much fun also,” said Strickland.

The night ended in a sleepover. The boys are planning on having a party of their own soon.

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JEN FORDHAM / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Andrea Johnson performs a song entitled "In My Time."



JEN FORDHAM / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Megan Day performs "I Used to be Young," a song written in collaboration with a resident of the Georgia War Veterans' Home.

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"Dreams" and "Chocolate Covered Lollipops" conveyed the dreams of the incarcerated.

"We were nervous," said sophomore music therapy major Sarah Vick, who composed the music for "Chocolate Covered Lollipops." "We performed for them and they gave us feedback."

One piece was a comedic song, written as part of a play for the Music and the Exceptional Child class. The piece was about a magic talking bed, and its purpose was to teach children to change their sheets.

"I wrote this story in high school, and I took a class where I had to write a play," said senior music therapy major Neal Clark.

The music was also used to channel feelings of grief. The song "Dancin' with Angels" was written by Dr. Chesley Mercado, the director of the music therapy department. The song was a tribute to her late

husband. It was composed in a country music style, and written from his point of view.

Other performances included sign language performances, where students signed the lyrics to well-known songs such as "You've Got a Friend" and "What a Wonderful World" and improvisation was performed by Advanced Practicum students.

GCSU is one of two schools in the state that offer a music therapy major. The music therapy program at GCSU trains students to use music to fulfill therapeutic needs. The therapy is used in places such as hospitals and prisons as an outlet for emotions.

"Students create songs ... for a therapeutic concept. All the songs have a purpose," said assistant professor Dr. Douglas Keith.

The concert has been an annual event since 2002. It takes place in February in observance of Music Therapy Awareness Month.



JEN FORDHAM / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Rasheda Jones and Bethany Clayton perform an improvisation piece for the Music Therapy concert.

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in the MFA in Creative Writing program began to give them a first reading and rating," Muschell said.

"When they finished, around guary of 2007, I began giving them a second read-through. After, I finished, I sent the top ten plays to Kathleen for her and the theatre department to make the final selection."

The play chosen was "Coyote Point" written by Daniel Edmiston of Idaho. Edmiston was in residence at GCSU in January where he heard readings of his play and received feedback. He will be back to see his play performed in its entirety when it premieres in Russell Auditorium.

"This is my first time outside of my area and theatre community. I've loved the experience. I think I have grown a lot. I feel more confident in my writing," Edmiston said. "And it is always great to get out and see a different part of the world."

Edmiston's play is about a modern day American Indian man who has returned to his reservation after having been away for 20 years. He is faced with the decision to help his tribe or to protect his family's name.

Eddie Swimmer, a world famous American Indian Hoop Dancer, visited the campus and helped the cast with cultural background. Brian

Lunsford was cast as the male lead, Russell. He was able to listen and learn about his character based on what Swimmer taught.

"I asked how a person would be received by their people after having left the reservation," Lunsford said.

"(Swimmer) compared it to an apple - even though they are red on the outside, they would always be white on the inside."

This is a huge theme in "Coyote Point" showing that Edmiston did his research. They subject matter, though, could be relevant to any culture.

"As I flushed out the story in my mind, I got stuck on the guy caught between tradition and progress," Edminson said. "It is a unique place for not only one guy, but for an entire society and culture."

"Coyote Point" is running from Feb. 27 to March 1 at 8:00 p.m. and March 2 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available in Porter Hall for \$4 for GCSU students. They will also be available at the door, but seating is very limited so it is recommended to buy tickets before hand.

"It is a well-written show," said the show's stage manager and assistant director Addison Walden. "I hope the people who come see it will walk away with some knowledge of Native American people, their culture, and what they face."

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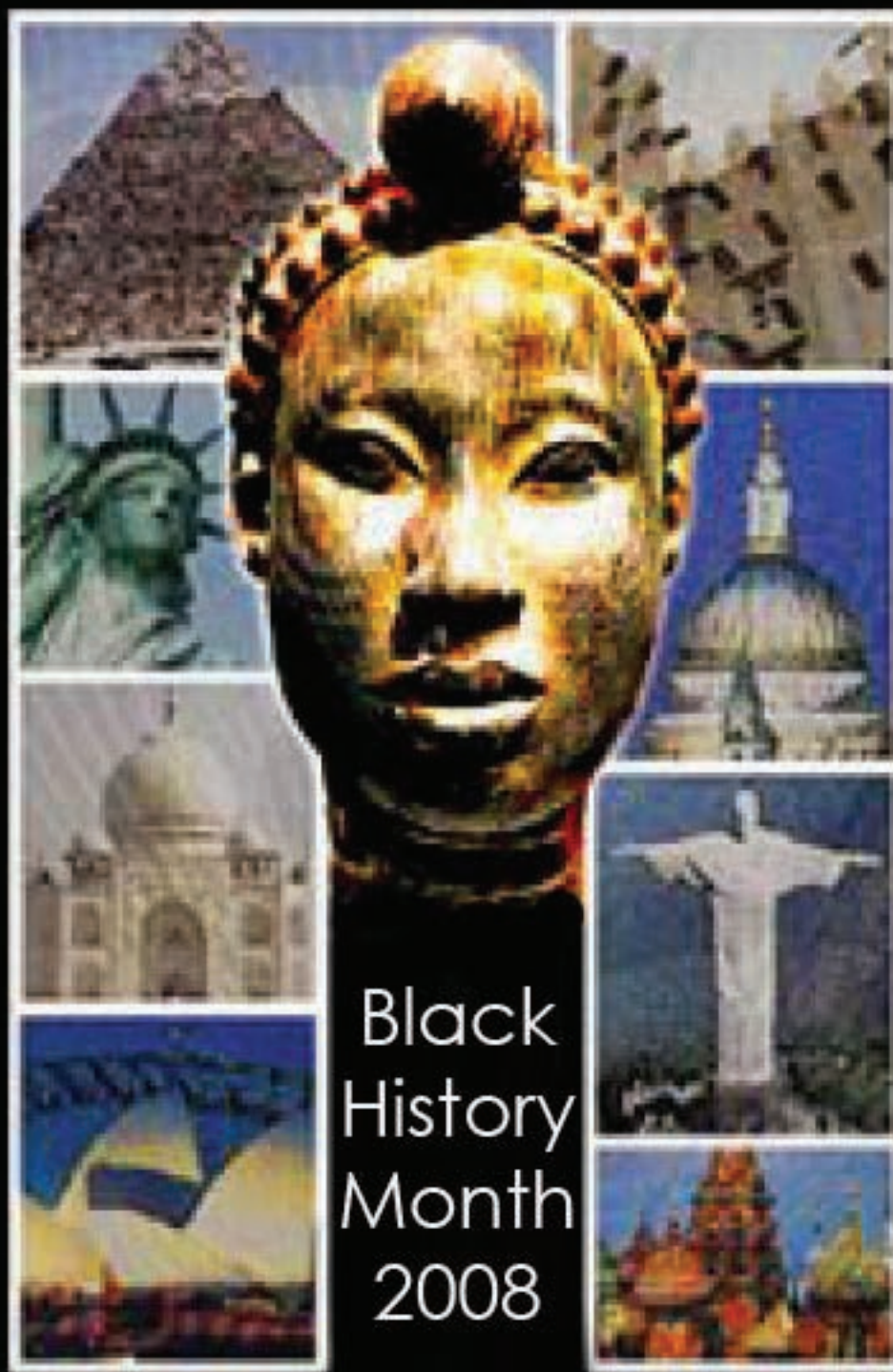
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Senior second baseman Tony Rice scores a run against Ohio Valley Saturday afternoon.

'Cats rack up 9 straight

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU's baseball team has torn through a nine game winning streak that propelled them back into the nation's top ten teams.

The Bobcats capped a six game home stand with Wednesday's 15-5 win over Benedict College.

"It's definitely a good time to play good baseball," head coach Tom Carty said. "We've got guys stepping up and getting the job done right now."

During the home stand the No. 8 Bobcats knocked off Shorter College, Ohio Valley University, No. 23 University of Montevallo and Benedict to improve to 9-2.

Ohio Valley rolled into

Milledgeville for a three game stand starting on Saturday. The Bobcats brought their hitting shoes, scoring 26 runs on 29 hits in the series.

Bobcat homestand
(Feb. 12 - Feb. 20)

GCSU 9, Shorter 0
GCSU 9, Ohio Valley 7
GCSU 8, Ohio Valley 1
GCSU 9, Ohio Valley 4
GCSU 2, Montevallo 1
GCSU 15, Benedict 5

GCSU tallied 12 of those hits in the first game while the Fighting Scotts managed only five.

However, the Bobcats also committed five errors in the 9-7 win. Senior starting pitcher Sean Heimpel took the brunt of the Bobcat mistakes, surrendering five runs, four unearned, over four innings.

"Our struggles and the times we played lackadaisical it's been because of what we've done on the mound," Carty said. "If you don't throw strikes and you don't keep your defense alive it's hard for them to play behind you."

Heimpel has had a rough start to

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Trainer authors textbook

BY TIFFANY BISHOP
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever opened a textbook and recognized the people in the pictures? Several students in the introductory athletic training classes this semester are able to do just that. Paul Higgs, the head athletic trainer for GCSU, has co-authored his first textbook, "Perspectives in Athletic Training."

"Many GCSU students, both athletes and athletic training interns, are in the textbook," Higgs said in a press release. "I am glad to be involved in my profession in this way and to hopefully pass along the skills and passion I have to students and others interested in the profession of athletic training."

Nancy Cummings, senior author of the textbook, contacted Higgs about contributing a chapter. Higgs ended up writing several chapters in the textbook, after which he was asked to become a co-author.

"My friend is the head author," Higgs said. "She asked me to write a chapter on injuries and the anatomy of the injuries. Then to oversee the other anatomy chapters, and then I came onboard as the third author."

The other author is Sue Stanley-

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Senior forward Jay Warden lays up an easy bucket against Columbus State University in the Centennial Center on Monday, Feb. 18. His seven points in only 12 minutes of action would prove valuable in a 99-94 victory for GCSU. Warden and the rest of the Bobcat bench have been solid all season, consistently outscoring their opponents' reserves. GCSU closes their season at home on March 2 against USC-Aiken.

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Acting AD will be Wilson



WILSON

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

Jimmy Wilson, GCSU's golf coach and assistant athletic director, has been named interim athletic director.

Wilson, who has been the golf coach since 1997, will take over the reigns when current Athletic Director Dr. Stan Aldridge retires on March 30.

"I'm excited about this opportunity," Wilson said. "I'm glad that my golfers are understanding that I am going to have less time with them - in order to do this."

Aldridge announced his retirement at the beginning of February. Dr. Bruce Harshbarger, dean of student affairs, has been looking to fill the position since that time.

Harshbarger said he is very confident in Wilson.

"Jimmy is an outstanding administrator, he has been a coach here for a number of years and a full time administrator for (one year)," Harshbarger said. "He has been in a secondary capacity to Dr. Aldridge over the last year while Dr. Aldridge has been working half time as Athletic Director, and (Wilson) has taken on a lot of key responsibilities during that time."

Wilson has been part of the GCSU athletic department as a player, coach and administrator.

He played on the golf team before graduating in 1986 with a degree in Municipal Recreation. Wilson then served as director of golf at Little Fishing Creek in Milledgeville from 1988 until 2007.

As GCSU's golf coach, Wilson has guided the Bobcats to ten straight NCAA Tournament appearances. In six of those years, the team reached the National Championship round.

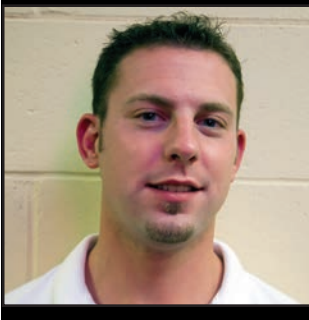
Wilson said he would eventually like to be GCSU's permanent athletic director.

"This will help give me the experience to, hopefully, do that job down the line," Wilson said.

Harshbarger will conduct a national search for a permanent athletic director.

"We hope to bring someone on full time by this summer," Harshbarger said.

The Season PASS



BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SPORTS EDITOR

'These guys are good'

I am addicted to baseball.

This past week I have spent a good deal of time sitting at John Kurtz field watching the Bobcat baseball team mow down one opponent after another, and all I can say is: these guys are good.

Over the past week the Bobcats have won five games, improving their winning streak to nine games. The only games they have lost this season were the two openers to No. 1 ranked Tampa.

The team has rocketed up the national rankings to No. 8 with no sings of slowing down.

GCSU has had young guys step up: for example freshman pitcher Eric Pettepther who threw an outstanding game Tuesday afternoon against No. 23 Montevallo.

This was Pettepther's first collegiate start and it came at a time when the team needed it.

Pettepther said he was nervous at the start, but if you saw him you wouldn't have been able to tell.

He looked as confident as an freshman I've ever seen pitch over his seven innings of work. He surrendered only three hits and one run to a very strong lineup.

Another young pitcher who has really stepped up is Brandon Owens.

Owens has pitched 8.1 innings in four games and has yet to surrender an earned run. He has recorded two wins and a save.

Guys like Pettepther and Owens have proven especially important with senior ace Sean Heimpel's struggles with his command early in the season.

Heimpel has pitched 12.2 innings this season and surrendered ten walks to his five strikeouts. Last season Heimpel walked only 18 batters in 64.1 innings and struck out 38 batters.

Heimpel will come around, and when he does look out.

The guys on the team are excited and I know head coach Tom Carty is excited.

They do have a tough road ahead of them especially this weekend when they face a tough Armstrong Atlantic State University team. AASU is currently ranked No. 10 and undefeated, but if the Bobcats take care of business, AASU could easily have three losses on Monday morning.

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Basketball:

Saturday @Francis Marion
Wednesday @UNC- Pembroke

Tennis:

Friday 2 p.m. USC- Aiken
Sunday (W) 1 p.m. Brenau
Tuesday 2 p.m. @Armstrong

Baseball:

Sat.- Sun. @Armstrong
Tuesday 7 p.m. @Newberry

Softball:

Fri. - Sun. Tourney @ UAB- Hunt
Wednesday 2 p.m. West Georgia

Golf:

Mon. - Tue. Tourney @Armstrong

Stat of the Week

463

The number of career assists GCSU Lady Bobcat senior guard Lindsey Smith has tallied. Smith now holds GCSU's career record in the category.

“Smitty” passes into history

BY PRESTON SELLERS
SENIOR REPORTER

February has been tough on the GCSU women's basketball team. The Lady Bobcats have lost five of six games this month, including their last four.

Their coach, John Carrick, believes in his squad and appreciates their effort.

“I really like this team,” Carrick said. “They will battle, and a bad half or even one bad game does not make the season.”

The last win for GCSU came on Feb. 4 at home against the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. The team then hit the road for a pivotal three-game stretch against teams just above them in the Peach Belt Conference.

On Feb. 6, they faced the Lady Saints of North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega. The Lady Bobcats fought valiantly but would come away with an 82-75 loss.

Freshman guard Dominique Huffin led the way with 24 points, including five-of-six from behind the arc.

Huffin has shown in a few games this season that she has the ability to light up the scoreboard on any given night.

“You’ve seen what (Huffin) is capable of when she’s on,” Carrick said.

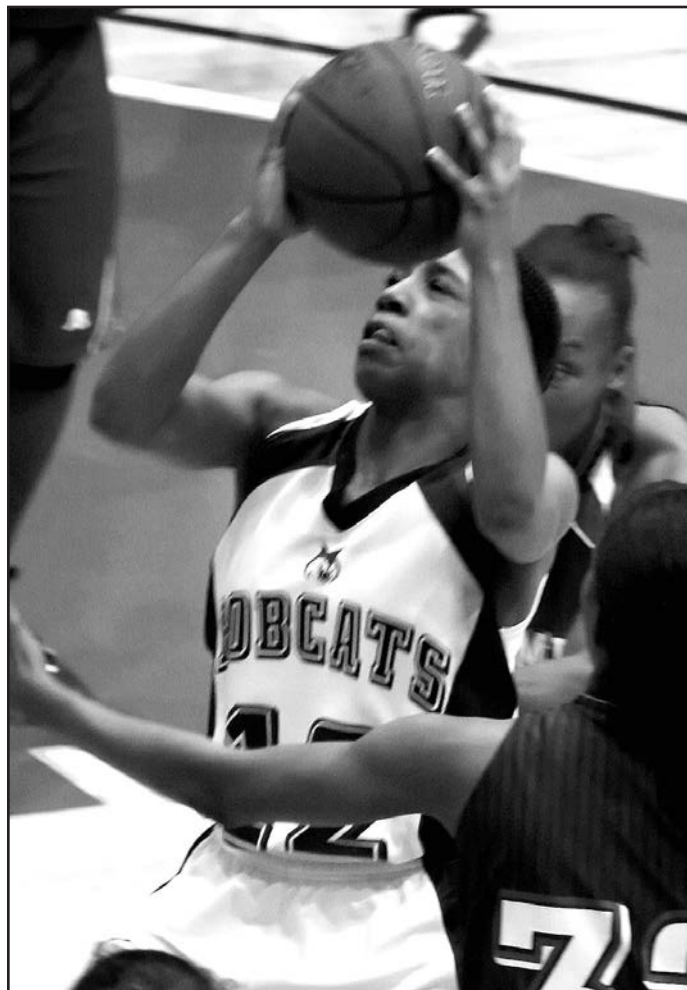
Getting more consistent production from her will be a key for the Lady Bobcats down the stretch this season and in the rest of her career at GCSU.

Senior forward Ashley Williams recorded a double-double against NGCSU her third in a row and ninth of the season, tallying 15 points and ten rebounds.

The team had a week to rest before their Feb. 13 match-up with Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, but the Lady Pirates proved too strong in crunch time, holding on for a 67-61 win.

Williams was a force inside once again, finishing with her fourth double-double in a row, but the star of the show was senior point guard Lindsey Smith. “Smitty” had a great all-around game with ten points, nine rebounds and six assists. Her final assist moved her ahead of Tracy Davis (1994-1998) into first all-time at GCSU.

Her coach spoke volumes about this tough little guard.



AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior point guard Lindsey Smith drives in for a tough basket against Columbus State University on Monday, Feb. 18. “Smitty” has been the catalyst for the Lady Bobcats in her four seasons at GCSU and recently broke the career assist record.

“This team is nothing without (Smith),” Carrick said. “She is our spark plug, she runs the show, and I have no idea how we’re going to replace what she does for us.”

The road got even rougher for the Lady Bobcats on Feb. 16 when they faced Lander University. The Lady Bearcats took control down the stretch, turning a close game into a 14-point win, 93-79.

Senior guard Elicia Lynch led GCSU in scoring with 19, and Williams’ double-double streak continued as she scored 18 points and snagged 14 rebounds, but they did not get enough help offensively to match Lander’s attack.

The ladies finally returned home for a Feb. 18 contest with Columbus State University. The evening labeled “Black History Night” in the Centennial Center provided a close game, which the Lady Bobcats would find themselves on the losing end of.

The game looked like a mismatch early, as GCSU could not find the net and CSU entered halftime with a 14-point lead.

The second half saw a tenacious Lady Bobcat team claw their way back with scrappy defense and opportunistic offense. Freshman Mandi Dudish led the way with 16 points,

including five-of-eight from three-point range.

“I haven’t been shooting that well lately,” Dudish said. “So it felt really good to just go out there and start hitting shots and get comfortable.”

Junior guard Emily Bixler played one of her best games of the season, and recorded a double-double with 14 points and ten rebounds, and Smith contributed eight assists to complement 12 points, but missed two key free throws with less than 20 seconds left.

Her coach was disappointed with the result of the game, but perhaps more so for his point guard.

“It’s not like she’s the only one who missed free throws,” Carrick said. “She has done so much for us and we would not have even been in position to win without her.”

Her teammate was also quick to point out that the team as a whole lost this game.

“As a team, you make mistakes during the whole game,” Dudish said. “It’s just that people only really notice the ones you make at the end.”

The Lady Bobcats wind down their season with a three-game road trip before their season finale at home against the University of South Carolina at Aiken on March 2.

Bobcats win another at home

BY SCOTT THOMPSON
STAFF WRITER

The GCSU men’s basketball team earned its tenth home win of the season Monday night, beating Columbus State University 99-94 with an emotional finish.

The Bobcats initially got off to a slow start and did not lead until nearly four minutes into the game. From there, they eventually opened a ten point lead, only to see Columbus State battle back and tie the game with just over three minutes left in the half.

The Bobcats answered and closed out the half on a nine to four run with the help of consecutive three-pointers from junior guard Justin Brown.

The second half had the feel of a cat-and-mouse game, with the Bobcats leading the entire way. The Cougars would close the scoring gap, but could never tie the game or take the lead.

When the Bobcats’ lead grew to seven with just over a minute left, it appeared the game was well in hand. But the persistent Cougars had other plans.

With less than twenty seconds remaining in the game, Travis Matthews of Columbus State drained a three point shot, tying the game at 94.

Sophomore guard Graham Martin was fouled after the ensuing inbound pass, and he made one of two free throw attempts to put the Bobcats on top by one. On the following possession, Columbus State guard Corris Portis received a

pass under the rim and it appeared he might make the shot that would secure a miraculous win. Fortunately, Bobcat senior center Aaron Clark was there, and with a physical block, his fourth of the contest, he saved the game for the Bobcats.

No foul was called on the play, but after the defensive rebound by Clark, a foul was called on Columbus State, much to the anger of Cougar Head Coach Doug Branson.

Branson received two technical fouls, resulting in four free throws for the Bobcats. Aaron Clark sank the first two and Graham Martin made the second two for the final score.

Junior guard Shaun Keaton and Aaron Clark both had twenty points to lead all players in the game. Clark also added twelve rebounds, five assists and four blocks.

Junior guard Ken Kemp also had a double-double, recording thirteen points and eleven rebounds. Martin and Brown also reached double digits in scoring.

The Bobcats are now 10-1 at home, as opposed to just 6-6 when they play away from the Centennial Center. Bobcat players and coaches think that there are number of possible explanations for the differential.

“We shoot well at home,” Kemp said. “We’ve also got that confidence and swagger at home.”

“We have the best fans and we don’t want to disappoint.”

Assistant Coach Mark Gainous also thinks that

the home fans have a positive influence on the team.

“We’ve got quality fans here behind us,” he said. “We’re a fun team to watch.”

Whatever the reason may be, the difference in the amount of points per game for the Bobcats is considerable.

The Bobcats are averaging 88 points per game at the Centennial Center this season, as compared to just 73 points per game away from home. Clearly, being at home is beneficial to the Bobcats, and the NBA-like point total Monday night reflected just that.

With the Peach Belt Conference and NCAA Tournaments just ahead, the Bobcats are looking to make a final push at the end of the season.

“This team can definitely be a factor in the tournament,” Gainous said. “If we finish third, we can have a good chance at getting an NCAA Tournament bid.”

The players seem up to the challenge.

“We’re trying to get more intense,” Keaton said. “We want to show these young guys the way and get them pumped up about the tournament.”

Saturday, the Bobcats travel to South Carolina to take on Francis Marion. Wednesday, they leave the state once more to challenge the University of North Carolina at Pembroke in a PBC matchup. On Sunday, March 2, the team will host its final home game of the season against the University of South Carolina Aiken.

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Doubleheader vs.
West Georgia

Bobcats

Wednesday, Feb. 27
at 2 p.m.

on the West Campus softball field

Attention: Freshmen and Seniors

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2 lucky students who respond to the National Survey of Student Engagement email survey by March 14th will win a \$50 cash prize.

Look for the email with the subject
Line of:

“A reminder to tell us about your GCSU experience”

Follow the instructions in the email to login to the secure website and complete the survey. Winners will be announced on March 19th.

Book

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Green: both Cummings and Stanley-Green work at Florida Southern.

Co-authoring a textbook includes writing chapters, rewriting chapters, finding artwork and finding references. Many professionals contribute to the writing; however, the authors have to oversee everything, Higgs said.

The textbook provides information on the care, provision and treatment of athletes. The word “perspectives” in the title means learning from someone in this field and what to do, Higgs said.

Higgs used several pictures of past and present students as examples of injuries that could arise, and how to properly provide care in certain situations. Whenever an injury occurred at a GCSU athletic event, Higgs would take a picture and document the recovery process.

The entire procedure of writing and publishing the textbook took five years. Higgs has been a part of the project for the last three.

Al Weston, the sports information director, is proud and supportive of Higgs’ work.

“I was extremely happy for Paul,” Weston said. “He’s been working on this text for quite some time, and I know it’s a relief for him to have it completed. It speaks well to the quality of work being done in the athletic department when we can give back academically.”

The textbook became available for use this past January. Higgs is anticipating the adoption of the textbook for other colleges this coming fall.

The textbook is a tool in other ways, too, Weston suggested.

“It helps from a recruitment standpoint for the athletic training programs here,” Weston said. “If incoming students know they will get to work with a published author on the subject, they’re apt to value their education more.”

Another textbook may be in the future. If this one is successful, the authors might consider updating the textbook or writing another one, Higgs said.

“It was hard work, but I was glad I did it,” Higgs said. “It gives a little recognition towards GCSU and that we have an athletic training major.”

Baseball

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the season after being looked at as the team’s ace. He gave up four walks against Ohio Valley to bring his season total to ten in 12.2 innings of work.

Fortunately, the relievers came to his rescue, most notably sophomore righty Brandon Owens who recorded his second win of the season. Owens threw two innings, surrendering only one hit and no

runs.

Senior catcher Pete Paris went two-for-three in the game and added two walks and two runs. Junior right fielder Danny McCorkell went three-for-five with a pair of RBI’s and a run.

The Bobcats found themselves up early in game two with a four run first inning.

In that inning junior third baseman Derek Johns plated two Bobcats with a single before sophomore first baseman Matt Pitts knocked him home with a triple off the top of the wall in right-centerfield.

Senior lefty Shaun Monica

pitched six strong innings, striking out ten batters while surrendering two hits and one run to earn the 8-1 win.

“I’ve just really focused on doing what I’m supposed to do on the mound,” Monica said. “I’ve been working hard out here on the field everyday just trying to get better and get this team to three-peat as conference champions.”

Redshirt-freshman Brad Jackson scored twice in the game while recording two hits. Johns added three more RBI’s and a run in his two-for-four showing.

GCSU got another strong pitching performance on Sunday from sophomore lefty Clete Jessup. Jessup pitched seven innings surrendering only two earned runs, while striking out seven Fighting Scotts to earn his second win of the season.

Johns and Paris put up strong performances at the plate once again. Each went two-for-four and scored a run. Johns knocked in three runs and Paris added two.

On Tuesday the Bobcats got another impressive pitching performance in their 2-1 win.

Freshman hurler Eric Pettepher shut down Montevallo hitters, throwing seven innings while surrendering only one run on three hits in his first collegiate start.

“I was kind of nervous in the first inning,” Pettepher said. “My defense helped out a lot – I didn’t really have that in high school. After that I sort of settled down a bit and got in a groove and everything was working pretty well.”

Owens recorded the final six outs of the game in as many batters to earn his first save.

“That was a great outing by Eric,” Paris said. “We didn’t hit the ball as well as we’d like to, but it seems like everything is coming together.”

The Bobcats needed the strong pitching as they could manage only five hits in the contest.

Carty was very pleased with

the Pettepher’s performance.

“We needed that,” Carty said. “We knew going into the season that their wasn’t enough returning pitching just to rely on Sean (Heimpel) and Shaun (Monica) and Clete. I thought Eric was going to do well for us this year and he did such a good job with his first start.”

Wednesday’s game was not as close.

After finding themselves down 4-2 in the third, the Bobcats’ bats came alive, pushing 13 players across the plate over the next three innings.

Six of those runs came in a fourth inning rally.

Sophomore shortstop Chandler Snell got the inning started when he smoked the ball into right-center for a double. Senior second baseman Tony Rice then reached on an error by the pitcher, advancing Snell to third. Sophomore centerfielder Sean Harrell knocked Snell in with a bunt base hit, then sophomore leftfielder Brett DiFelice roped a double into the left-center gap to take the lead.

Johns later doubled in the inning plating DiFelice and sophomore third baseman Brooks Robinson, who reached on an error, to end the sixth inning onslaught.

Sophomore reliever Gator Parker pitched two innings to record his first collegiate win.

The Bobcats spend next week on the road, starting with their Peach Belt Conference opening series at No. 10 Armstrong Atlantic State University on Saturday and Sunday. AASU has yet to lose a game in the young season.

“I think we’ll score runs,” Carty said. “We’re going to need a good effort out of Heimpel on Saturday and Clete and Shaun Monica. It’s Conference time and each game is probably going to be up for grabs (against AASU). I think we’ve proven we can win some tight games, and that’s something to feel good about going into the weekend.”



JEN FORDHAM / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Freshman hurler Eric Pettepher fires a pitch Tuesday afternoon at John Kurtz field. Pettepher threw seven innings surrendering only one run and three hits to No. 23 Montevallo in his first collegiate start.

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2008 SCHEDULE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE

Baldwin Bowling Center

from 10 p.m. til 12 a.m.

OFFICE DECORATION COMPETITION

Judging will be held in the afternoon. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, February 27.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

SODEXHO SERVING DINNER OUTSIDE

Outside the Wellness Depot from 5 - 7 p.m.

YELL-LIKE-HELL (YLH) COMPETITION

Starting at 7 p.m. outside the Wellness Depot in conjunction with the Bonfire Pep Rally

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

In the Centennial Center starting at 7 p.m.

BONFIRE PEP RALLY

Starting at 8 p.m. outside the Wellness Depot

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

SOFTBALL DOUBLEHEADER VS. WEST GEORGIA

Starting at 2 p.m. at the West Campus Softball Field

BLUE AND GREEN COLLEGE BOWL (ROUND 1)

Starting at 8 p.m. in the Magnolia Ballroom of the Student Center

VISIT THE WEBSITE AT: HOMECOMING.GCSU.EDU

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD (CAB) MOVIE NIGHT – SUPERBAD

Starting at 8 p.m. in the Magnolia Ballroom of the Student Center

BLUE AND GREEN COLLEGE BOWL (ROUND 2)

Starting at 10 p.m. in the Magnolia Ballroom of the Student Center

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29

SISTER HAZEL

Starting at 8 p.m. at West Campus

Gates open at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

BOBCAT RAMBLE

Starting at 8 a.m. at the Wellness Depot

BASEBALL DOUBLEHEADER VS. SHIPPENSBURG

Starting at 1 p.m. at West Campus – Kurtz Field

HOMECOMING PARADE

Lineup at 12 p.m. at Peabody Parking Lot, Parade starts at 2 p.m.

LEGACY BANQUET/BALL

Banguet at 6 p.m., University Banquet Room

Ball at 8 p.m., Maxwell Student Union

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

BASEBALL VS. SHIPPENSBURG

Starting at 1 p.m. at West Campus – Kurtz Field

PRE-GAME PICNIC

Starting at 12 p.m. in the Centennial Parking Lot until game time

HOMECOMING BASKETBALL GAMES

Women's game at 2 p.m. and Men's game at 4 p.m. In the Centennial Center

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, February 22 - Thursday, February 28, 2008

Friday, February 22

10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. "The African Union: Building a New Africa" -272 A&S
12:30 p.m. "Magic on the Landscapes, Blood on the Streets" - 275 Arts and Sciences
3 - 5 p.m. Black Association of Nursing Study Group for Nursing Students - 3rd Floor Library

Saturday, February 23

Sunday, February 24

3 p.m. Flannery O'Connor - Andalusia Lecture Series: Margie Johnson- Main House Dining Room

Monday, February 25

ALL DAY Homecoming 2008 Event: Paint the Town Blue and Green Office Decoration Competition
12:30 - 1:45 p.m. University Senate Meeting- 272 A&S
7 p.m. Fourth Annual Coverdell Symposium - A&S Auditorium
10 p.m. Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake - Baldwin Bowling Center

Tuesday, February 26

ALL DAY Homecoming 2008: Display Competition in Residence Hall
5 p.m. Dinner served outside
5 - 6 p.m. Author Talk and Book Signing with GCSU's Own Marlene Lovejoy - Museum Education Room
6:30 p.m. Yell-Like-Hell (YLH) Competition- Centennial Center
7 p.m. Coverdell Institute Symposium Concert: The Sound of Changes, Music and Politics- A&S Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Faculty Artist Recital: Stephen Fisher, Saxophone - Max Noah Recital Hall
8 p.m. Homecoming 2008: Bonfire Pep Rally

Wednesday, February 27

ALL DAY Homecoming 2008: Decoration Competition Winners Announced
12:30 p.m. SGA Meeting - Student Activities Center- 3rd Floor
12:30 p.m. SIFE Meeting - 107 Atkinson Hall
2 p.m. Homecoming Softball Game - Kurtz Field
3 - 4 p.m. Zen and the Art of Falling in Love (Workshop Series) - 130 Lanier Hall
3 - 6 p.m. Sequins and Smiles Open Closet - The GIVE Center
8 p.m. B&G College Bowl (round 1)
7 p.m. 4th Annual Coverdell Symposium- A&S Auditorium
8 p.m. "Coyote Point," a new play by Daniel Edmiston - Russell Auditorium

Thursday, February 28

ALL DAY Homecoming 2008
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. GISA Basketball Tournament- Centennial Center
3:15 p.m. Nursing & Health Careers Expo- MSU Lounge
8 p.m. "Thursday @ the Movies": Womens Resource Center
8 p.m. CAB Movie Night
8 p.m. "Coyote Point", a new play by Daniel Edmiston - Russell Auditorium
10 p.m. B&G College Bowl (round 2)

Please send calendar submissions to colonnadenews@gcsu.edu.



THE COLONNADE

Public Safety Report



Relationship issues intensify

On Feb. 13 at approximately 2:27 a.m., Officer Hicks was dispatched to Foundation Hall in reference to a verbal altercation. Contact was made with a female student, who stated she was having a verbal altercation with her boyfriend. Furthermore, she stated she did not want to press charges. Contact was made with the boyfriend, and he agreed to stay away for the remainder of the night.

Romance gets sticky

On Feb. 13 at approximately 4:34 p.m., a female reported that her ex-boyfriend was harassing her by phone and coming to her apartment uninvited. Detective Butler contacted the ex-boyfriend, and he agreed to leave her alone.

Brake lights initiate suspicion

On Feb. 15 at approximately 1:24 a.m., while on patrol, Officer Miller observed a vehicle in the parking lot of Exchange Bank. He did not see anyone in the vehicle, but observed the brake lights going on and off. He pulled up to the vehicle and shone his spotlight in the vehicle. A black male jumped up from the floorboard and exited the passenger side of the vehicle and ran. A chase ensued with Officer Miller, Officer Baker, Officer Reonas and some Milledgeville Police Department officers. The suspect was able to elude the police. Later in the morning the truck was reported stolen. The case has been turned over to Milledgeville Police Department for investigation.

Attempting to run away

On Feb. 15, 2007 at approximately 1:09 p.m., Mary Jane Phillips contacted Public

Safety in reference to a missing student. The student was supposed to meet his parents and a counselor on this date and did not show up for the meeting. The parents checked his apartment and found a note on the door stating he was going to Mexico. He was entered into GCIC as a missing person and the vehicle was reported as stolen. Officer's investigation found that his girlfriend was at Oconee Regional Medical Center. A check of the parking lot located the vehicle. Contact was made with the student at ORMC at 3:30 p.m. He was turned over to his parents. The student and the vehicle were removed from GCIC.

Another car is vandalized

On Feb. 15 at approximately 9:34 p.m., a student reported that his windshield was shattered while parked at North Clarke Street. Officer Pissott observed the damage and it appeared to have been caused by a BB or pellet gun. Approximately two hours later, the student contacted Public Safety again to report that his roommate observed people across the street shooting a BB gun earlier that night. Contact was made with the suspected student in possession of the BB gun. He showed Officer Pissott the air gun, which shot plastic pellets. Officer Pissott was not able to find any of the pellets in or around the damaged vehicle. She did find and confiscate a small amount of marijuana from the residence, but no charges were filed. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

Public Drunk arrested

On Feb. 16 at approximately 12:10 a.m., Officer Hicks was flagged down by several persons in front of a downtown restaurant bar in reference to a male causing a disturbance. Contact was made with the male, who had the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person, had slurred speech and was staggering severely. He was asked repeatedly to leave the area and refused to do so. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with Public Drunk.

Information compiled by Jamie Fleming

Please go online to gcsunade.com to download the extended Public Safety Report podcast.

NOW HEAR THIS

Fourth Annual Bobcat Ramble Fun Run

The Fourth Annual Bobcat Ramble Fun Run & 5K will be on Saturday, March 1. The event is dedicated to "Remembering John Bruner," who was a GCSU student and Cross Country runner. The Fun Run begins at 8 a.m. The 5K begins at 8:30 a.m. Registration forms are available in the Wellness Depot or at <http://www2.gcsu.edu:8080/bobcatramble/>.

Fourth Annual Coverdell Symposium

The Fourth Annual Coverdell Symposium will be at GCSU from Feb. 25 through 27. This symposium takes the U.S. elections and compares it to the dynamics of foreign nations political elections.

This year's symposium will be specifically focusing on the issue of democracy in the Czech Republic and Russia. The topics will include the role of political parties, the media and citizens.

Co-sponsored by the International Education Center and Academic Affairs, this will be a great opportunity to hear some influential speakers.

Monday through Wednesday at 4 p.m. there will be films showing in the A&S Auditorium.

Panel discussions will be held in the same place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26 there will be a concert on "The Power of Change, The Sound of Changes" in the Arts and Sciences Auditorium.

Finally, to conclude the three-day event is the Symposium luncheon from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. For more information contact the Coverdell Institute at 478-445-1711.

Watercolor painting

Mondays beginning Feb. 25 a class will be offered in which students can learn the techniques of watercolor painting. Stephanie Scott will be the instructor who will instruct students for all seven sessions. This class includes instruction in basic watercolor painting, including mixing and applying washes, use of color, value, line, shape, form, light, rhythm and texture.

Beginners will be shown specific exercises to learn about color mixing and paint handling. Advanced students are shown other techniques. The classes will continue through April 7. To learn

more information call Nora at 478-445-5277.

Free Exercise Assessment

Need a physical check-up? Every Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 7 p.m. the Wellness Depot has free exercise assessments. Students can come by appointment or walk in. Students can get measurements of their weight, height, resting heart rate, blood pressure and body composition (fat percentage). Plus, they will also offer to measure students VO2 max (maximal oxygen consumption), hand grip strength and hamstring flexibility.

Spring book returns

The Bookstore will begin its return process on Monday, March 3 due to limited storage space. This will include all textbooks and books that have not been selected for continued use in Maymester and all summer terms. Wait till later in the semester to return books that are being used in the summer terms. For more information call Lynda Grable, the director of GCSU Bookstores, at 478-445-7305.



WHAT'S NEW WITH STUDENT BODY e-LECTIONS?

Student Government Association is doing something completely new this year with our election process. Instead of having to bring your Bobcat Card and wait in line at a table to vote, our voting process this year is completely electronic! Any student will be able to log onto their myCATS homepage, click on the "Student" tab and the ballot will be waiting. One of the perks about having the elections on myCATS is that we open up our voting to commuter students, students on the Macon Campus and students who take evening classes after the polls would have normally closed. The myCATS portal will be open for voting for forty-eight hours and will allow students to vote any time during the election days: Feb. 27-28.

The Mr. & Miss GCSU Elections have undergone major revisions this year. Qualifications for the nominees were expanded to include higher GPA standards, active community service standards, and campus involvement. For the first time since the elections began, the two

students crowned Mr. & Miss GCSU will have a list of duties. They will serve as a service representative for GCSU, be an ambassador to Alumni Relations, serve on the Campus Ethos Committee, as well as advocate the University's principles.

The Executive Elections will take place along side the Mr. & Miss GCSU Elections this year. By combining the two elections, SGA hopes to see more participation from students in both directions. On the Executive Ballot this year, there will be no uncontested race among any office. There will also be a Constitutional Amendment to the SGA Constitution that requires a student body majority vote to pass. This amendment was passed twice in the SGA Senate with a two-thirds majority. It is an amendment to allow non-content revisions to be passed internally in SGA without the student's vote. This will allow SGA to correct typographical and grammatical errors more efficiently.

In the past, SGA has seen continued low turnout

among students for all elections. This year, with the election process changed and with a long list of candidates to choose from, we hope to see a vast increase in voter turnout. It is important for students to realize that the people they choose to be their SGA Executive Body are responsible for their representation on this campus and in this community—not to mention the allocation of some of their student fees. The people the students choose to be in the roles of Mr. & Miss GCSU are representative of the image that the students wish to portray of GCSU.

Your Student Government Association invites every student of GCSU to participate in our campus-wide elections held on Wednesday and Thursday, February 27 and 28 on the Student tab of the myCATS portal. SGA will also have a table set up from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. of the 27 and 28 beside the A&S Fountain with computers available for those students who need help accessing the site.

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